

ABSTRACT

The content distribution system according to the present invention is comprised of: a server device and a terminal device, the server device providing the terminal device with a license for using 5 a content based on transaction processes, each including receiving of a request message, sending of a response message, and receiving of a commit message for finalizing completion of a transaction, and the terminal device controlling use of the content based on the license obtained from the server device, wherein the terminal device 10 includes: a holding unit that holds a 1-bit transaction identification flag indicating whether a current transaction process is in progress or completed; and a sending unit that sends the transaction identification bit instead of an omitted commit message when sending a second or later request message, without sending a commit message in each transaction process except for a last 15 transaction process in successive transaction processes, and the server device includes: a receiving unit that receives the transaction identification flag that is sent together with the second or later request message in the successive transaction processes; and a judgment unit that judges whether or not completion of one 20 transaction should be finalized based on the received transaction identification flag.